Unauthorised Occupation of Government Bungalows

*280. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that more than hundred bungalows of Type VI, VII and VIII are still under occupation of Officers who have either retired or have been transferred from Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details of such unauthorised occupancy by the Officers in the said categories; and

(c) what action Government propose to get them vacated?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL) : (a) to (c) Only 1 Type VII and 4 Type VI bungalows are in unautharised occupation of such officers. In all these cases of unauthorised occupation, eviction proceeding have been initiated under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 to get the premises vacated. In one case, the Central Administrative Tribunal has stayed the Eviction Proceedings.

Kiwi Cultivation in Himachal Pradesh

2818. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kiwi cultivation has proved a success in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Kiwi has wide potential in U.S.A. and other European countries;

(c) if so, whether Government have explored its market in other foreign countries; and

(d) if so, the result of the market surveys?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b) Kiwi fruit which was introduced in Shimla some years ago was found to be promising.

(c) and (d) Government have not explored any market as the Kiwi production is still in its experimental stages.

Production of Wheat

2819. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's wheat output is stagnating at around 54 to 56 million tonnes since 1988;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have conceived any plan to boost the wheat production; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The production of wheat in the country has been fluctuating around 54-55 million tonnes since 1988-89.

(b) The main reason for this behaviour of wheat production is mainly attributed to unfavourable weather conditions at the time of sowing in some of the major rainfed wheat growing States.

(c) and (d). In order to increase the production and productivity of wheat, the Government is implementing a Special Foodgrain Production Programme (SFPP)-Wheat in seven major wheat growing States, namely: Bihar, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Punjab.